

About Sustainable Halton Hills

In 2007, with growing global and local interest around sustainability, three Halton Hills environmental groups formed a partnership to create an initiative called Sustainable Halton Hills (SHH). The groups include; Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.), Willow Park Ecology Centre (WPEC), and Healthy Options for People and the Environment (H.O.P.E.)



Sustainable Halton Hills will operate out of the Centre for Sustainability & Innovation superbly located between Georgetown and Acton on Highway 7 – the main thoroughfare through Halton Hills.



The Centre, which requires some renovation work in order for it to be used as shared office space, storage and meeting facilities - received two years of funding from Ontario's Trillium Foundation to help see the creation of this Centre come to fruition.

The main goal of Sustainable Halton Hills will be to engage interested sectors of our community including (but not limited to) youth, business, industry, agriculture, churches and government to create an operational sustainability framework.

The work to be carried out through Sustainable Halton Hills will endeavour to create a common language, vision and work plan with the intention of encouraging residents to take action in their own area of interest and influence – making Halton Hills more sustainable.



Trillium Foundation Grant

Sustainable Halton Hills

(c/o Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources)

\$150,000 over two years to help establish the Sustainable Halton Hills centre. This organization will develop a shared facility for environmental and local community-based groups that aim and work to advance sustainable community development.

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SHH Can You Hear It?

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Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.), Willow Park Ecology Centre and Healthy Options for People and the Environment (H.O.P.E.) have formed a Sustainable Halton Hills (SHH) collaborative. Initially the project calls for shared office space, storage and meeting facilities for local, small non government organizations. Sharing resources and ideas, and allowing the resident organizations with a permanent place in the community, will go a long way toward providing Halton Hills with representative sustainability options. A community resource library, with materials on all types of sustainable development concepts, educational materials and tools will also be established.

“Once established”, said Leslie Adams, President of P.O.W.E.R, “our goal is to engage interested community members including business, industry agriculture, and government, to create an operational sustainability framework. Sustainable Halton Hills will work towards creating a common

platform, vision and workplan, where citizens are taking actions in their area of interest and influence to make Halton Hills more sustainable.”

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is funding the initiative for two years to facilitate capital improvements and assist in creating the strategic plan. P.O.W.E.R. and HOPE are participating in the Mayor’s Task Force the Town’s ‘Green Plan’, and Mayor Rick Bonnette was a reference for the SHH collaborative’s application. The belief is that the more opportunities for participation the more likely it is that Halton Hills will move towards sustainability.

The SHH collaborative would like to offer a special thanks to John Morton, who has agreed to lease his property to the effort. He wants to arrange his 8+ acre property to be turned over to Sustainable Halton Hills to become a permanent education and community point of departure for sustainable development research in Halton Hills.

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